

CONVENTION OF LAYMEN

Delegates Gather in Missionary Movement.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS HERE

Workers of Pulpit and Church to Meet.

An Extensive Program Has Been Arranged for the Convention, Including the Distinguished Mr. Pepper, of Memphis, and Bishop Morrison.

Tonight at 8 o'clock the Laymen's Missionary Movement Convention for the Alabama Conferences of the Methodist Church will be discussed by eminent speakers, who are furthering the movement throughout the Southern States. Delegates to the number of 500 from both the Alabama Conferences and the West Florida Conferences will be in attendance upon the sessions of the convention, which will last through Thursday night.

J. R. Pepper, a prominent banker of Memphis, Tenn., and also president of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the Southern States, will be present and will make the address of the opening meeting. Mr. Pepper is well known throughout the whole South, and his address upon the great undertaking of all Christian churches of every denomination to evangelize the world will doubtless more than fill the great auditorium of the Court Street Methodist Church.

Not only is Mr. Pepper well known as the president of the Laymen's Movement, but his personality and his work in the Sunday School is also well known. Mr. Pepper is the superintendent of the largest and most thorough Sunday School of the South. The school is that of the First Methodist Church of Memphis.

Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., will be present during the sessions of the convention and will make an address to the delegates at the morning session on Thursday, Dr. Pinson is one of the Mission Secretaries of the Methodist Church with headquarters at Nashville.

Bishop H. C. Morrison, of Birmingham, will be in attendance upon the sessions and will address the meeting on Thursday morning. Bishop Morrison is well known to all Montgomeryans, and his address will be listened to with the greatest of interest.

The program arranged for the convention follows:

Wednesday Evening, May 20. 8:00—Devotional Exercises.

Address of Welcome—Judge W. H. Thomas.

Response—Dr. W. B. Watkins, of Opelika.

Tenn. President Laymen's Missionary Movement, M. E. Church, South. Thursday, May 21. (Morning Session.) 9:00—Devotional Exercises.

Announcement of Missionary Movement in Its Relation to Church Work—(1) How It May Help the Conference—Rev. J. T. Mangum, Enterprise; (2) How It May Help the District, Mack Featherstone, Greenville; (3) How It May Help the Country Church, Rev. J. F. Price, Clanton; (4) How It May Help the Station Church, Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D., Missionary Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

11:00—Address—Bishop H. C. Morrison.

"The Quiet Hour"—Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D.

Afternoon Session. 2:30—Devotional Exercises.

Report of Committee on Permanent Organization.

Study and Prayer as Related to the Maintenance of Missionary Interest—Thomas S. Davis, Huntsboro.

Mission As An Investment: Do They Pay?—J. B. Barnes, Monroeville.

Tidings from the Hermit Nation—Ray J. L. Gerding, of Korea.

Our Opportunity: Shall We Go Forward?—M. Lightfoot, Brundidge.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Evening Session. 8:00—Devotional Exercises.

Address—Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D. Reception by Ladies of the Local Missionary Societies.

STOREKEEPER ON TRIAL FOR FRAUDS

Opelika Case Is Up Before the Federal Court.

The trial of Sam C. Dunn, a storekeeper and gauger of the United States in the distillery of S. M. Paskey and Son at Opelika, for a violation of the United States revenue laws, occupied the entire attention of the Federal Court yesterday morning and afternoon.

OFFICIALS RETURN

NEARLY ALL WENT HOME TO VOTE.

Judge R. T. Simpson Is Universally Popular at the Capitol and Great Interest Centered in His Race.

Most of the State officers and their corps of clerks who went to their respective homes to vote at the primary have returned to the Capitol and that place will resume its normal aspect today. Probably not in many years has the Capitol worn such a deserted look as it presented Monday.

The officials were dropping into the city yesterday one by one. It is figured that fully four-fifths of the entire Capitol roster went out of Montgomery to exercise their suffrage rights.

There was a most peculiar interest in the outcome in the race for Supreme Court Justices. The election of successors to Associate Justices R. T. Simpson and Jonathan Haralson distanced all other races in point of interest to the inhabitants of the Statehouse.

It was practically conceded that Hon. John H. Wallace, Jr., State Game and Fish Commissioner, would walk away with the race notwithstanding the local support given his opponent, Mr. Mastin. Chairman Charles Henderson of the Railroad Commission, was with out opposition.

The Capitol contingent always has manifested the keenest interest in who will be their associates in future. There is no doubting, too, that there was a heavy pull among the Statehouse officials and clerks for the return of Justice Simpson to the bench.

Justice Simpson, with the end of this year, will have finished out his four years of service to which he was elected, or rather for which he drew lots under the conditions prescribed by the new Constitution equalizing the terms of the Justices.

That Justice Simpson has been very popular in Capitol circles cannot be gainsaid. One of the anxious queries that passed the rounds of the State government officers all day yesterday was:

"If Justice Simpson, elected?" The consensus of opinion seemed to be that Justice Simpson should be returned to the bench and interest in the successor of Justice Haralson was divided in many ways.

What excited fear among the friends of Justice Simpson was the large number of candidates in the field. This no doubt made material inroads on his vote, especially in South Alabama where the personal popularity of others in the race drew from what would have developed into an enthusiastic support of the present incumbent.

The successors of Justices Simpson and Haralson will serve six years. That is the constitutionally fixed term of the associate Justices. The term of the State Game and Fish Commissioner is four years. Thus Hon. John H. Wallace, Jr., will have served about a term and a half when his new term will have expired.

A MONUMENT UNVEILED.

Woodmen Participate in Exercises at Centre Star.

Florence, May 19.—(Special.)—Seven lodges participated in the Woodmen of the World unveiling of a monument to deceased Sovereign Oliver Gautney, at Centre Star yesterday.

The unveiling took place at 2 o'clock, and there were 200 Woodmen in the procession. John A. Pruitt of Florence, was master of ceremonies, and A. A. Williams of Florence delivered the address.

The poem, "Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud?" was beautifully recited by 10-year-old Myrtle Marsh of Florence.

The lodges represented at the unveiling were Florence, Sheffield, Tusculum, Brick, Killen, Rogersville and Centre Star.

SCHOOL AT STEWART.

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